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In re Application of: SCOTT L. RUTHFIELD, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/599,806

Filed: June 21, 2000

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEMS OF PROVIDING
INFORMATION TO COMPUTER USERS**

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) **DECISION ON PETITION TO**
) **WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF**
) **ABANDONMENT**
)

This is in reply to Petitioner's petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 23, 2004. No fee is required.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that the application was held abandoned on February 12, 2004 for failure to respond to the Office Letter dated March 12, 2003, within the Shortened Statutory Period of three months set therein.

Petitioner submitted a correspondence which included a certificate referring to each piece of the correspondence stating the transmission date of June 12, 2003. The correspondence contained a copy of the response to the Office letter dated March 12, 2003, a copy of the Facsimile Confirmation Report, and a copy of the USPTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission. As a result, the correspondence is deemed as timely filed.

Since a timely response to the Office Letter dated March 12, 2003 was filed, the holding of abandonment dated February 12, 2004 is hereby withdrawn, and the application is restored to pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Examiner of Record for prompt action on the merits of the application.

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